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GEOGRAPHY 20

Preamble

Geography 20 is an elective for students of Grades XI and XII. The complete course consisting of Physical and Human Geography may be taken for five credits; Human Geography alone, comprising Units III, IV, and V, may be taken for three credits.

The purpose of the course is to strengthen the teaching of the physical and social sciences in the senior high school.

Primary and Secondary References

Primary reference for Physical Geography, Units I and II: WORLD GEOGRAPHY -- PHYSICAL by G. H. Dury (1958), published by Thomas Nelson and Sons, Ltd.

Primary reference for Human Geography, Unit III, IV, and V: GENERAL GEOGRAPHY (Alberta Edition) by J. Wreford Watson (1961), published by Copp Clark Publishing Co., Ltd.

Secondary references for the various units: ELEMENTS OF GEOGRAPHY by Smythe and Brown, (1959), published by the Macmillan Company of Canada, Limited (useful for all units); EARTH SCIENCE, Bk. 1 and 2, by Namowitz, Stone, and Bird, published by D. Van Nostrad Company (Canada) Ltd., (Units I and II) A GUIDE TO GEOLOGY by David M. Baird, published by the Queen's Printer, Ottawa, (useful for Units I and II); CANADIAN OXFORD SCHOOL ATLAS, Oxford University Press, Toronto.

General Objectives of the Course

- (1) to teach in a systematic way the basic facts concerning the physical elements that affect the lives of humans;
- 2) to show the chief ways in which man uses his physical environment;
- 3) to present the distribution of population over the earth, and to discuss the cultural and economic factors affecting such distribution;
- (4) to explain the variety that exists in the physical and human environment; and
- (5) to give students a reasonable basis for interpreting and evaluating the changes which they observe taking place.

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The Scope of the Course

JNIT I -- WEATHER AND CLIMATE

INIT II -- THE EARTH'S SURFACE

INIT III -- MAN'S REACTION TO CLIMATE

NIT IV -- MAN AND THE PRODUCTION OF COMMODITIES

INIT V -- SETTLEMENT OF MAN

PHYSTCAL GEOGRAPHY

INIT I -- WEATHER AND CLIMATE (Suggested Time: eight weeks)

The Earth as a Planet

- (a) The Solar System as part of the Universe; The Principal Bodies of the Solar System; (their characteristics and their importance to man).
- (b) The Earth: Its Motions -- Rotation and Revolution; the Inclination of its Axis; Causes of Day and Night, and of Seasonal Changes.

Text: General Geography by J. W. Watson, Chapter I.

(c) Latitude and Longitude; Time Zones.

The Elements of Climate

(a) The Meaning of Weather and Climate

(b) The Elements of Climate: Air Temperature; Air Pressure; Humidity; Winds.

Text: World Geography -- Physical by G. H. Dury, Chapter I.

3. Air Temperature

(a) The Principal Source of Heat of the Atmosphere -- the Sun;

(b) Factors that Determine Insolation:

(i) Latitude, or the Effect of the Earth's Curvature;

(ii) Altitude, or the Effect of Air Pressure;

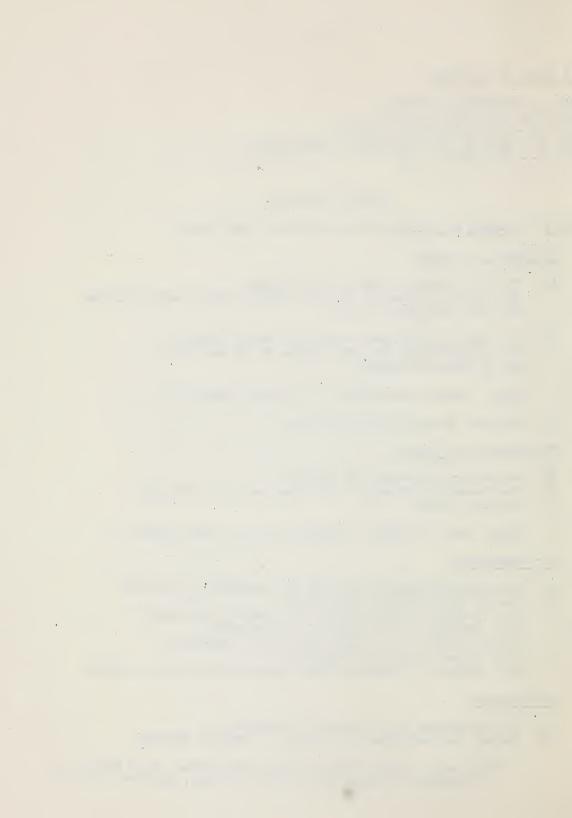
(iii) Filtering of the Sun's Rays by the Atmosphere;

(iv) Effect of Length of Daylight;

(v) Effect of Prevailing Winds (continental air mass; oceans).

. Air Pressure

- (a) The Measurement of Air Pressure; Millibars;
- (b) Factors that Determine Air Pressure: Altitude; Heating;
 - * (This topic is not covered in the primary text. It is found in Elements of Geography by Smythe and Brown, Chapters I and II).



(c) The General Circulation of the Atmosphere: Wind Systems;

(d) Contrasting Effects of Land and Sea;

(e) Ocean Currents: Their Effects on Climates.

Text: Chapter II and III.

Humidity and Precipitation

(a) Evaporation and Condensation: Drying; Cloud; Fog; Dew; Frost;

(b) Types of Rainfall: Convectional, Relief, Cyclonic.

Types of Climates: Their Causes; Effects; General Areas Where Found

(a) Tropical Climates: Humid; Monsoon; Savannah;

(b) Temperate Climates: Humid; Mcditerranean; West Coast Marine;

(c) Boreal Climates: Northern Interior; Subarctic;

(d) Cold Climates: Tundra; Mountain-Top; Icecap;

(e) Other Climates: Desert (Hot and Cold); Mountain (Alpine).

Text: Chapters V - XI.

The Effect of Climate Upon Man (review and summary)

(a) The Effects of Climate upon Vegetation and Animal Life;

(b) The Effects of Climate upon Occupations and Industry;

(c) The Effects of Climate upon Human Progress and Settlement (a brief study concerned chiefly with primitive societies).

UNIT II -- THE EARTH'S SURFACE (Suggested Time: eight weeks)

The Structure of the Earth

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(a) The Solid Portion of the Earth:
Facts Concerning the Earth's Structure -- Barysphere; Lithosphere;

(b) The Hydrosphere and the Atmosphere: Extent; Importance to Man;

c) The Basic Composition of Each Part of the Earth's Structure:
(i) Lithosphere: Igneous, Sedimentary, and Metamorphic Rocks;
(Their Formation, with Simple Examples of each Type);

(ii) Atmosphere: Oxygen; Nitrogen; Other Gases; Importance.

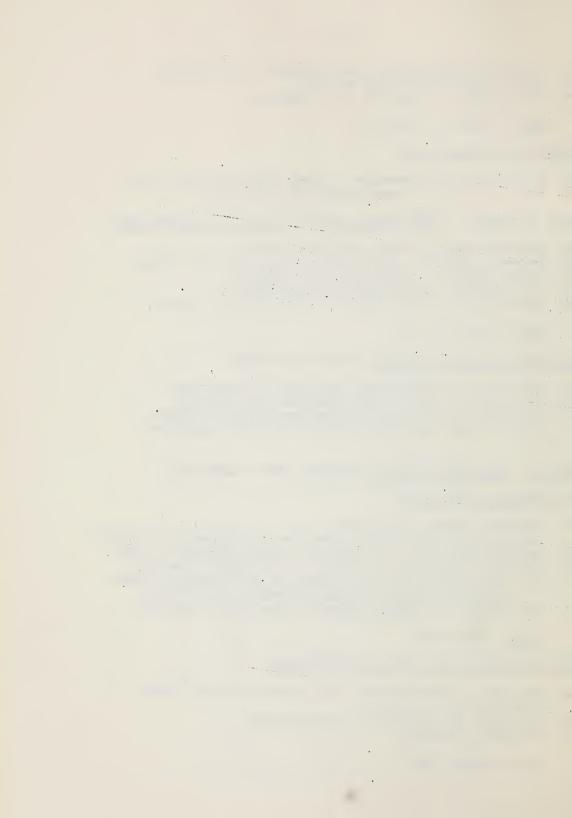
Text: Chapter XII.

Fold Mountains: Their Origin and Destruction

- (a) The Belts of Fold Mountains: (i) Around the Pacific Basin; (ii) From Spain to Japan;
- (b) The Origin and Formation of Fold Mountains;

(c) The Cycle of Erosion.

Text: Chapter XIII.



Massifs and Plateaux

- (a) Distribution (Occurrence) of Massifs and of Shield Areas;
- (b) The Origin of Massifs and Shields; Their Topography;
- (c) Faulting and its Effects: Scarp; Horst; Rift Valley;

(d) Renewed Erosion and its Effects.

Text: Chapters XIV, XV.

Alluvial Plains

(a) The Great Alluvial Plains of the World;

(b) The Formation and Nature of Alluvial Plains; Their Importance to Mankind in Agriculture.

Text: Chapter XVI.

. The Work of the Sea

(a) The Oceans and Seas;

(b) The Continental Shelf: Its Formation; Importance;

(c) Tides: Their Cause; Effects on the Coastline;

(d) Shorelines: Their Types and Importance.

Text: Chapter XVII.

6. Glaciation

(a) The Formation of a Glacier; Its Work in Erosion;

(b) The Results of Glaciation in Mountain Areas: Corrie; Arête; Glacial Trough; Hanging Valley; Moraine; Ribbon Lake; Fiord.

(c) Glaciated Highlands; Importance for Hydro-electric Power.

Text: Chapter XVIII.

7. Erosion and Deposition by Wind

(a) Wind as a Weathering Agent: Cracking Rock; Blast Action;

(b) Transport of Soil by Wind: Barchans; Loess.

Text: Chapter XIX.

8. The Importance of Erosion to Man (Review and Summary)

(a) How Man Uses the Forces of Erosion (Water, Wind);

(b) The Importance of Preventing Erosion in Canada; The Conservation of Soil;

(c) The Relation of Topography to Density of Population (briefly considered).

Some Aids to Teaching Units I and II

Films for Unit I:

Jungles of the World	T	_	446	11	minutes
Jasper National Park	Tk	~	411	10	11
Klondike Holiday	Tk	-	725	22	ff
How a Desert People Live	T	-	477	11	11

Filmstrips

The Earth and Its Motions	Pk	- 2945
The Canopy of Air	Pk	- 2082
Our Earth	P	- 1172
The Solar System and Universe	Pk	- 2943
The Starry Universe	Pk	- 2581
Climate and Weather	Pk	- 2942
Rain	P	- 1918
The Weather	P	- 1889

Films for Unit II

A Mile Below the Wheat	Tk	-	621	15	minutes
Shining Mountains	Tk	_	1172	18	Ħ
Mountains of the West (B.C.)	T	-	1069	20	11
Yellowknife	T	-	711	11	11
The Great Lakes	Tk	-	615	11	ff
Physical Regions of Canada	\mathbf{T}	-	996	25	11
Geography of the Americas	T	-	1122	11	11
Highlands of the Andes	T	-	990	20	tt.

Filmstrips

Geological action of Sea and Lakes	P	_	1646
Geological Action of Wind and Ice	P	-	1647
Glaciers and Ice Sheets	P	,	3109
Hawaiian Islands: Volcanic Origin and Growth	P	***	3089
Land Areas and Land Formations	Pk	_	2950
The Landscape of Normal Erosion	P	_	3107
The Miracle of the Sea	Pk	_	2029
The Work of Ice	P	_	2108
The Work of Rivers	P	_	2107
The Work of Weather	P		2109

See Audio Visual Film listings under Geography.

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HUMAN GEOGRAPHY

INTRODUCTION

In Human Geography it is our aim to examine those facets of geography which relate directly to man and his numerous activities. This process involves the observation of two things: the effects of these facets of geography upon man, and the results of man's activities upon his surroundings. These results and activities are so numerous that it is essential to limit our examination. Consequently, our study will consist of a consideration of the following aspects of Human Geography: cultural, economical and social and political.

Primary and Secondary References

Primary: GENERAL GEOGRAPHY (Alberta Edition): J. W. Watson, published by Copp Clark Publishing Co., Ltd.

Secondary: ELEMENTS OF GEOGRAPHY: Smythe and Brown, The Macmillan Co., of Canada, Ltd., 70 Bond Street, Toronto 2.

EARTH SCIENCE, BOOK II: Namowitz and Stone, D. Van Nostrand Co., (Canada) Ltd., 25 Hollinger Road, Toronto 16.

WORLD GEOGRAPHY, HUMAN: Suggate, Thos. Nelson and Sons Ltd., 91

Wellington Street West, Toronto 1.

GEOGRAPHY OF COMMODITY PRODUCTION: Highsmith and Jensen, J. B. Lippincott Co., distributed in Canada by Longmans, Green and Company Ltd., - 20 Cranfield Road, Toronto 16.

THE CANADIAN OXFORD SCHOOL ATLAS: Oxford University Press, 480

University Avenue, Toronto.

Teacher's Reference

The World's Mations: Deasy, Griess, Miller, Case, Lippincott distributed by Longmans, Green.

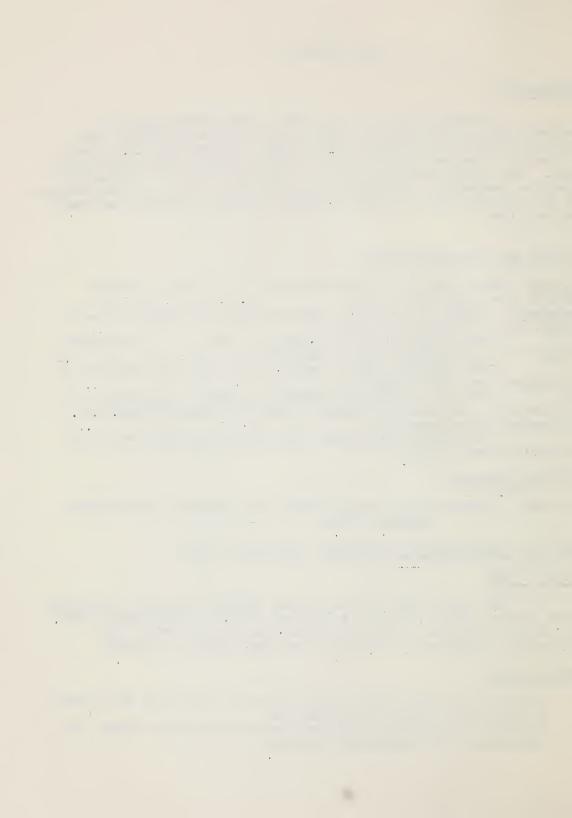
UNIT III: MAN'S REACTION TO CLIMATE: the Cultural Aspect

POINT OF VIEW

Man's way of life differes in each climate. Variations in clothing, food, shelter, customs, kinds of occupations, artistic accomplishments which are usually classified as cultural aspects of man, can be traced back ultimately to differences in climate. Men adjust closely to climate.

UNDERSTANDINGS

- 1. Density of population varies greatly across the face of the earth because of the varying factors that determine it.
- 2. Population is increasing rapidly and that this increase is forcing the utilization of even unfavorable landscapes.



Science has altered natural geographic features in order to make habitable more of the earth's surface.

Life in temperate lands shows a pronounced seasonal rhythm different from that in the tropics,

Occidental ways of living have made a tremendous impact upon life in the humid tropics and temperate zones in the Orient as well as in the new lands,

The number of people in the world and their rapid increase is producing problems in feeding the peoples of the earth and in maintaining peace among them.

ONTENT

MAN is the central theme in Human Geography: therefore we should been the facts about the place where he lives.

The General Effect of Climate upon Populations: 1.ocations, habits, occupation.

Text: Chapter II, Climate As a Geographic Factor.

Natural, Human, and Geographic Regions.

(a) Definitions of "regions" and their limitations.

(b) Characteristics of a Natural Region.

(c) The Features of a Human Region (race, language, culture).

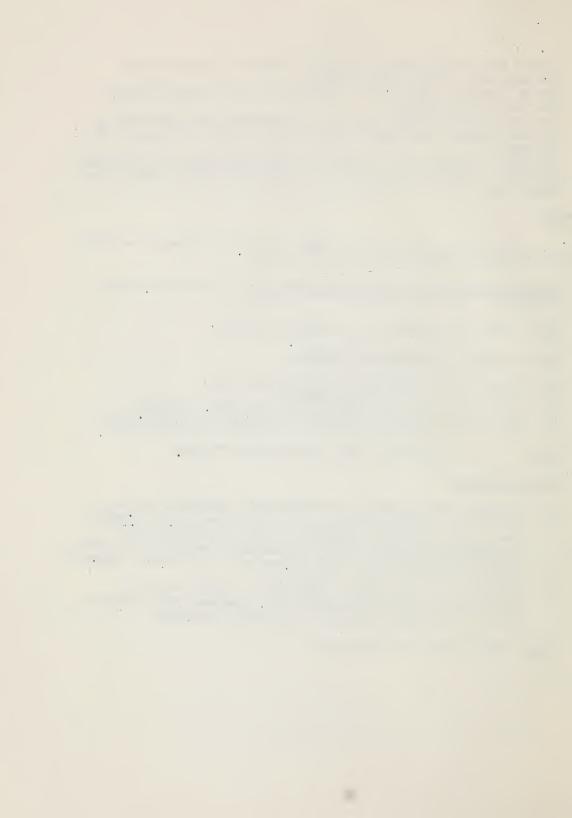
(d) Geographical Regions (a blending of natural and human factors).

Text: Chapter III, Natural, Human and Geographic Regions.

World Pepulation

- (a) Geography and Population: communications, migration routes.
- (b) Factors in Population Growth: protection from attack, climate, food supply, cultural development, effect of scientific and technological advance, advance in medicine; the Malthusian Theory.
- (c) Population Composition: rates of increase, sex balance, immigration and its effects on ethnic composition.
- (d) Distribution of the World's Population: density, areas of increasing and decreasing population, underpopulation, overpopulation, an optimum of population, Canada's position.

Text: Chapter IV, World Population.



Man in Humid Tropical Lands

(a) In Primitive Cultural Landscapes People Are Nomadic.

i. Collectors and Hunters

ii. Migrant Agriculturalists

(b) In Civilized Cultural Landscapes People Are Settled.

i. The oriental cultural landscape is basically one of family cultivation of rice.

ii. The occidental cultural landscape, carried by occidentals into the Orient, is characterized by plantation agriculture.

Text: Chapter V, Man in Humid Tropical Lands.

Man in Temperate Humid Lands

- (a) Primitive: Hunting and Fishing are almost completely nomadic occupations.
 - i. The Coast Indians
 - ii. Buffalo Hunters
 - iii. Caribou and Deer Hunters
 - iv. Reindeer Hunters
- (b) Advanced Agriculture is an industry mainly of settled people.
 - i. Oriental: location, crops, animals, houses, problems.
 - ii. Occidental: location

general characteristics

types - general farming

- dairy farming

- specialized crops

- livestock

- industrial farming

Text: Chapter VI, Man in Temperate Humid Lands.

Man in Dry Lands and in Cold Lands - the Zones of Privation

- (a) Primitive Cultures Are Nomadic.
 - i. Collectors and Hunters in Dry Regions

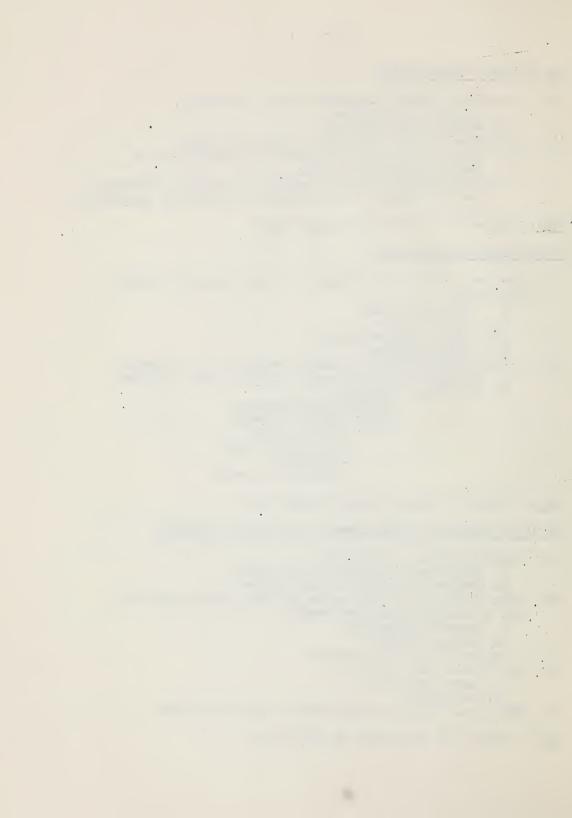
ii. Hunters and Fishers in Cold Regions

- (b) Pastoral Cultures in these zones are often characterized by a kind of nomadism called Transhumance.
 - i. Typical Pastoralists
 - ii. Reindeer Herding

iii.Cattle and Sheep Ranching

- (c) Agricultural Life is Settled.
 - i. Oasis Agriculture
 - ii. Dry Farming
- (d) Mountainous Culture of many climatic regions is varied.

Text: Chapter VII, Man in Dry and Cold Lands.



VIT IV: MAN AND THE PRODUCTION OF COMMODITIES: the Economic Aspect

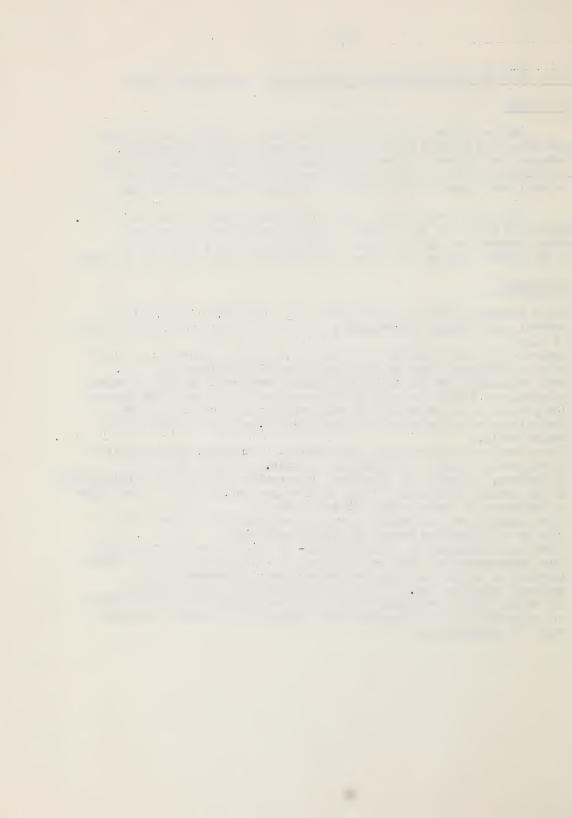
DINT OF VIEW

Man has affected the earth in many ways. Possibly the greatest nanges have been wrought by his desire and need to make a living. He as changed the pattern of plant and animal life in his efforts to obtain roducts directly from nature; he has likewise altered many aspects of is natural environment in his effort to produce new and varied goods.

This unit aims to show some of the alterations in this world rought about by man in his attempt to achieve efficient primary and econdary production, in his attempt to transport these goods from one lace to another, and in his attempt to communicate with others of his kind.

NDERSTANDINGS

- World production must be seen against the geographic background of natural and cultural environments, It must be viewed in the perspective of time.
- Agriculture reacts closely to topography, drainage, climate, soil and also to different human cultures and stages of development.
- Man, advancing from the stage of primitive knowledge to that of modern science, has learned to utilize the resources of the earth and harness its power for the production of vast quantities of material goods. Specialization in industry is an especially important feature of our modern world.
- Inventions and technological developments have brought to the peoples of the world advances in standards of living, advances in art, in literature, in music, in education, in economic and political organization, in the amount of influence of one people upon another, and in the degree of tolerance of human beings for each other.
- These changes are continuing at an accelerating pace and are being felt by an increasing number of people every year.
- There is, literally, an actual increase in material wealth resulting from improvement in speed and cheapness of transportation and an actual increase in wealth accruing from improvements in communication.
- National strength, unity, trade and (o-operation of the people of the nation and international welfare and co-operation among the people of the world are very dependent upon transportation routes and upon media of communication.



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Primary Production

(a) World Agriculture

i. Crop Agriculture Food Crops

Grains: wheat, oats, barley, rye, maize or corn,

millet, rice

Sugars: cane, beets

Fruits: dates, bananas, pineapples, citrus fruits,

olives, figs, grapes, peaches, cherries,

plums, pears, apples

Beverages: tea, coffee, cocoa

Industrial Crops

Fibres: flax, jute, hemp, sisal, coir, cotton

Tobacco

ii. Animal Husbandry

- Sheep for meat and animal fibre (wool)

- Cattle for meat and dairy products

- Silkworm for fibre

- Draft Animals: horse, water buffalo and ox, camel, elephant and others less

frequently employed.

Text: Chapter VIII, World Agriculture.

(b) World Fisheries

i. Geographical Requirements

ii. Locations and Main Varieties

(c) Forest Occupations and Products

i. Fur

ii. Lumber: Temperate Softwoods and Hardwoods, Tropical Hardwoods, with the natural and economic factors of production; areas of production of each.

iii.Pulp, paper, cellulose, rayon, plastics

iv. Rubber

(d) Minerals, Fuel and Power

i. Fuels: coal, petroleum, natural gas

ii. Metals: Iron and iron alloys, copper, aluminum, nickel,

lead, zinc, tin, silver, gold

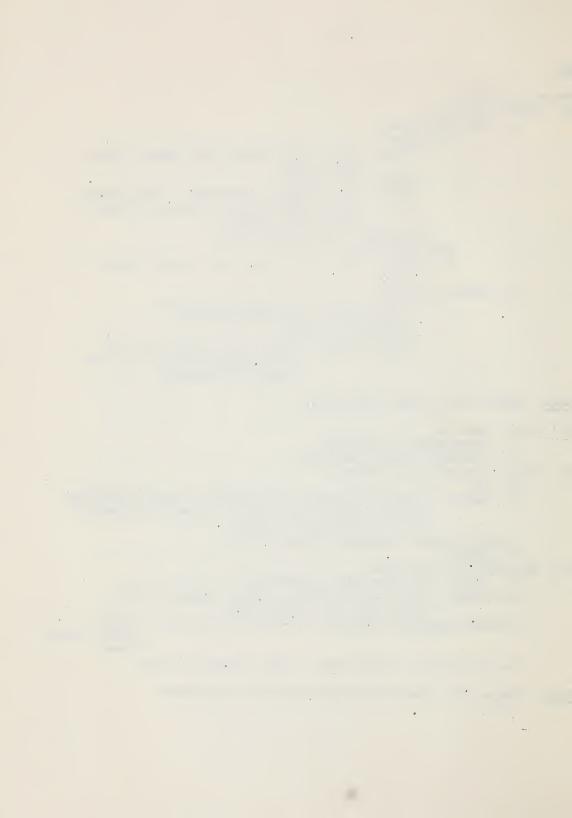
iii. Some important non-fuels, non-metallic minerals: sulphur,

asbestos, mica,

diamond

iv. Production of Electricity: Hydro, thermal, nuclear

Text: Chapter IX, Primary Production Other Than Agriculture



Secondary Production or Manufacturing

(a) Basic Requirements for Manufacturing

- Raw Materials, Markets; Transportation and Communication Media.
- Fuels and Power
- Labour
- Capital
- Local Site
- Water
- (b) Economic and Political Factors
 - Industrial Interdependence
 - Industrial Momentum
 - Protection: Tariffs, Subsidies, Quotas, Embargoes
 - Frontiers
- (c) Stages of Industrial Development
 - Domestic Stage
 - Factory Stage
- (d) Localization of Canadian Industry
 - The Atlantic Provinces and St. Lawrence Gulf
 - Central Canada
 - Prairie Provinces
 - Fraser Delta

Text: Chapter X, The Geography of Manufacturing

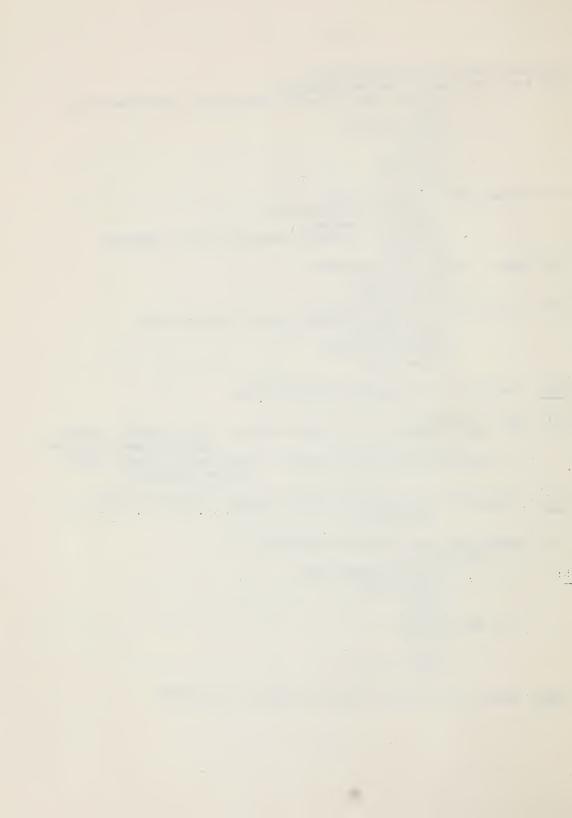
(e) Types of Industry

- i. Heavy Industry, e.g., Iron and Steel: U.S.A., Canada, Europe, Asia, Southern Hemisphere.
- ii. Light Industry, e.g., Textiles: North America, Europe, Asia, Southern Hemisphere.

Text: Chapter XI, The Geography of Manufacturing -- Heavy and Light Industries.

- (f) Leading Industrial Regions of the World
 - i. The Old World
 - ... Western European Belt
 - Russian Belt
 - Japan
 - India
 - ii. The New World
 - ~ U.J.A.
 - Canada
 - Latin America

Text: Chapter XII, Leading Industrial Regions of the World



- Transportation
 - (a) Importance
- within a nation.
- within a city.
- (b) Kinds of Cargo
 - i. Bulk Cargoes seek cheap, even if slow, media of transport. To handle bulk cargoes large cities growup at the extremities of arms of the sea, e.g., Montreal.
 - ii. Value Cargoes seek rapid, even if expensive, media of transport. To handle value cargoes smaller cities grow up at the extremities of arms of land, e.g., Halifax; Brindisi; Italy; and today air terminals are developed near centers of population to assist the most valuable of all cargoes passengers and mail.
- (c) Land Routes of the World
 - i. Trail
 - ii. Caravan
 - iii.Roads
 - Trunk Roads
 - Staging Roads
 - Portages
 - iv. Rail
 - Canada (1) C.N.R.
- South America

(2) C.P.R.

- Asia - Africa

- U.S.A. - Europe

- Australia

- Russia and Siberia
- v. Pipelines: Petroleum, Natural Gas, Oil Products
 - In Canada
 - In the Middle East
- (d) Water Routes of the World
 - Reasons for Cheap Mode of Treansportation
 - Limitations
 - Hazards
 - Inland Water Routes
 - Canals of Canada and of U.S.A.
 - European Canals
 - Ocean Routes: Atlantic, Mediterranean-Indian Ocean,
 North Pacific, South Pacific, Canadian.
- (e) Air Routes
- Limitations Air Routes of Canada and the British Isles; air transport in the Canadian North

Text: Chapter XIII, Geography and Transportation

Communication: A brief survey of primitive media and of modern media - the postal service, telephone, telegraph, wireless, radio, television, telephoto, teletype, etc.; a consideration of some of the gains in material wealth brought by advance in techniques of communication.

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IT V: SETTLEMENT OF MAN: The Social and Political Aspect

INT OF VIEW

People live in various parts of the earth and react according to e climate and topography of their environment. They use their surroundings order to make a living by primary and secondary production or by providing service to others in the form of transportation and communication. However e question arises: When people settle in particular parts of the earth's rface, what factors tend to concentrate them into villages, towns and ties at certain locations? This unit attempts to answer that question. It li show that location, form, function and nature of rural areas, towns and ties are dependent upon geographical surroundings, cultural traditions, commic activities and social character.

IDERSTANDINGS

Rural settlement has followed a general pattern varying from nucleated villages to dispersed settlements.

Modern transportation has greatly assisted the settlement of areas formerly considered uninhabitable.

Urban geography depicts, to an extent, a cross-section of geography as a whole, both physical and human.

The modern urban settlement is the result of scientific and technological advance.

Within the general environs of a city, it is often the factor of site that determines the exact location, form and development of the settlement.

The purpose for which a city is set up helps to determine which site, among possible sites, is the one actually chosen.

The city has a definite form and that this is related specifically to its function.

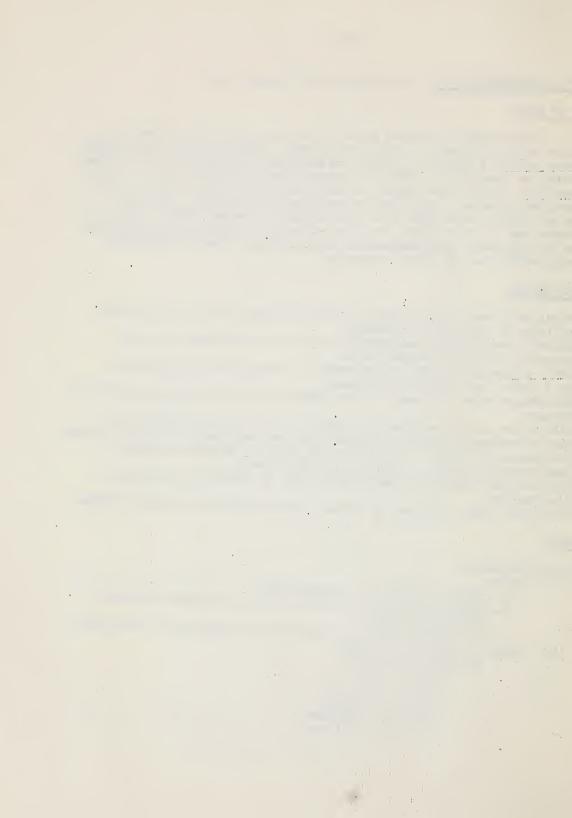
The large urban settlement is faced by many social and economic problems.

CITENT

- Rural Settlement
- (a) Housing
 - i. Effect of Climate on architecture
 - ii. Effect of Topography on architecture (available material, structural type)

iii. Effect of tradition on architecture; influence of immigrants

- (b) Patterns of Rural Settlement
 - i. Nucleated Settlements
 - Kin Villages
 - Communal Villages
 - Manorial Villages
 - Plantation Villages
 - Collective Villages



- ii. Dispersed Settlement
 - Reasons for Dispersion
 - Advantages

iii. The Effect of Mechanization on the Pattern of Rural Settlement

Text: Chapter XIV, Geography and Rural Settlement.

Urban Settlement

- (a) General Ideas
 - i. Cities Mirror the Whole Landscape
 - ii. Canada's Urbanization
 - iii. World Comparisons in Urbanization
- (b) The Nature of a City
 - i. According to Form
 - ii. According to Function
 - iii. As distinct from the Rural Area
- (c) Factors Determining the Location and Development of a City
 - i. Geographical Factors

General Setting or The Situation

- Outpost Situation
- Gateway Situation
- Junction Situation
- Terminal Situation
- Combined Settings

Text: Chapter XV, Urban Geography: The Urban World.

Local Setting or The Site

- the geological factor: bedrock and mantle
- the climatic factor: fogs, spring floods, supply of water
- the factor of vegetation: food supply, shelter, recreation
- the topographic factor: hill, escarpment, lowlands
- the transportation factor: river, lake or ocean coastal position; road, railway, airway

Text: Chapter XVI, Urban Geography: Factor of Local Site.

- ii. Purpose Factor: the purposes for which a city exists
 - Defence Settlements
 - Administrative Settlements
 - Cultural Settlements

Religious Shrines University Towns Recreational Centers Health Resorts

- Economic Settlements: Mining, lumbering, trading, shipping, manufacturing

Text: Chapter XVII, Urban Geography: Purpose and Place.

(d) Function and Form

i. City Types of Europe

ii. The Modern Commercial-Industrial City

Core

Zone of Transition - the "shatter belt"

Low Rental Residential Area

Industrial suburbs

Medium and High Value Residential Area; Urban Sub-Centers

Commuter Zone merging into Rural Areas

iii.Social Ecology and the Urban Pattern

Concentration - Dispersion

Centralization - Decentralization

Specialization - Segregation

iv. Stages of Development

Youthful Stage

Sub-mature Stage

Mature Stage

Text: Chapter XVIII, Urban Geography: Function and Form.

aching Aids for Units III, IV and V

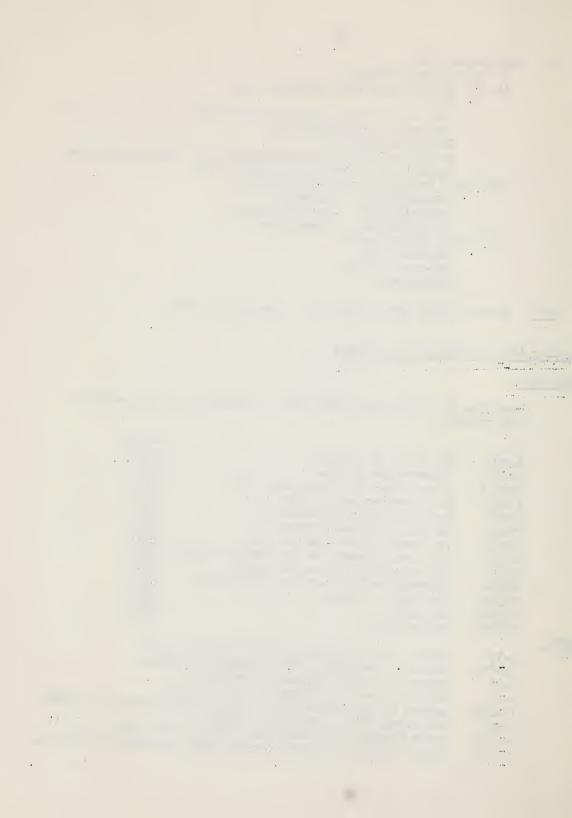
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